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BY EMAIL

December 11, 2008

Mr. Jeff Paulseth Manager, Energy Supply and Asset Optimization Allete, Inc. d/b/a Minnesota Power 30 West Superior Street Duluth MN 55802

Dear Mr. Paulseth:

Re: Allete, Inc. d/b/a Minnesota Power **Application for Electricity Wholesaler Licence**

Board File Number EB-2008-0372

This will acknowledge receipt on December 2, 2008 of the additional material that was requested in our letter of November 19, 2008 regarding your application for an electricity wholesaler licence.

Based on the Board's experience with applications of this nature, the Board expects that it will be able to render a decision and/or order in this application on or about March 17, 2009.

Please direct any questions relating to this application to Julie Doherty, Advisor at (416) 440-8133 or e-mail, Julie.Doherty@oeb.gov.on.ca.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

John Pickernell **Assistant Board Secretary**